

House Resolution 1209

By: Representatives Smith of the 70th, Nix of the 69th, and Brooks of the 63rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the late Mrs. Mary Hines Johnson and proclaiming February 9, 2008, "Mary
2 Hines Johnson Day"; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mrs. Mary Hines Johnson was a great African American educator and a local
4 hero to the residents of Heard County, Georgia, to whom she contributed so much; and

5 WHEREAS, Mrs. Johnson filled many roles as a teacher, parent, listener, role model,
6 motivator, and mentor; and

7 WHEREAS, Mrs. Johnson spearheaded the building of the first county-wide school for
8 African Americans in Heard County, which was completed in 1954; and

9 WHEREAS, prior to 1954, African American children attended one room school houses
10 located throughout the county; and

11 WHEREAS, Mrs. Johnson was so dedicated to the building of the school, she donated her
12 teaching salary and sponsored fund raisers to help finance the project; and

13 WHEREAS, in honor of her immense contributions and enduring legacy, the Franklin City
14 Council at its meeting on September 6, 2001, unanimously approved the renaming of Bevis
15 Road to Mary Johnson Drive; and

16 WHEREAS, Mrs. Johnson's drive and determination to provide all students access to a
17 quality education and thus to a better quality of life inspired and influenced countless
18 numbers of people, and her loving generosity continues to resonate throughout the ensuing
19 years.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
21 the members of this body honor the late Mrs. Mary Hines Johnson for her heroic

1 contributions to the citizens of the State of Georgia and proclaim February 9, 2008, as "Mary
2 Hines Johnson Day."

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
4 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Sarah Almond.